

# WALL TO WALL

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Year:**

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the Year**  
**CSI John Asbury**

**Non-Uniformed Em-  
ployee of the Year**  
**Dee Gehring**

**Contract Employee of  
the Year**  
**Mike Richards**

**Volunteers of the Year**  
**Frank and Barbara  
Richardson**

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**LANSING CORRECTIONAL FACILITY**

**JUNE 2005**

## LCF CELEBRATES CORRECTIONS OFFICER WEEK

May 2<sup>nd</sup> through May 6<sup>th</sup>, LCF celebrated Corrections Officers' Week. This was not only an opportunity to honor our uniformed staff, but it was also a time to take a moment and reflect on those employees who have given their lives in the performance of their duties at this facility. On May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 p.m., a solemn group of staff members gathered outside around the Facility Memorial to those fallen staff members. Also, among those attending were several members of the families of the staff members we honored. LCF's Color Guard lead the memorial service, followed by a prayer from Chaplain Don Almond. Major Ron Baker read the roll call of names of the deceased corrections staff members and LHS student, Micah White played, "Taps." As is our tradition, all radio traffic ceased for several moments – the silence and the bowed heads served as a tribute to those staff



members who gave the "ultimate sacrifice" to our facility.



## LCF ANNUAL PICNIC



"Would you like some cake with that?"

Lansing Correctional Facility's Leadership team serves up food and fun at the Annual Picnic May 4th. Hundreds of former and current LCF workers took to the range for the festivities. The Wellness Committee, Fire and Safety, and Impact Design raffled prizes and Aramark



provided the food for the event.



## UNIFORMED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

**CS1 John Asbury** has been an employee of the Lansing Correctional Facility since June 22, 1981. John is currently assigned to the Segregation Unit; this is his second rotation in this post. This particular area is highly stressful and requires staff that use good judgment, common sense, as well as the understanding that they continue to face different challenges each day. There has been a significant and

noticeable reduction in the number of problems experienced in the Segregation Unit since John came to work in the Unit. John is described by his supervisors, as well as those he supervises, as: level headed, easy to get along with, and a role model for fellow staff members. His performance over the years is consistently among the best and his contribution to this facility is extremely valuable.



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*"Dee's smile and positive attitude...make her a true asset to the facility."*

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## NON-UNIFORMED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR



### Dee Gehring

began her employment at the Lansing Correctional Facility on May 20, 2002. Dee was appointed to the position of Senior Administrative Assistant and remains in that position to date. Dee's smile and positive upbeat attitude combined with her strong work ethic and care for her co-workers make her a true asset to this facility!

## Contract Employee of the Year



### Mike Richards

If you've ever been to a TRU Unit Arts Festival or Talent Show, then you've had an opportunity to see Mike Richards clearly making a positive impact on the lives of the inmates in this special program. Mike works diligently to create special programming within the TRU

Unit that has proven to be an important part of the overall treatment process. Mike developed the TRU Men's Chorus and has begun what he calls a "Music Therapy Group" where he takes 25 TRU inmates to Max Activities and each of them has an opportunity to sing or learn to play a musical instrument. Mike is clearly a positive force at this facility!



# Volunteers of the Year

## Frank and Barbara Richardson

Are not only LCF's volunteers of the year, but have been named the Kansas Department of Corrections VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR!! They began their volunteer work at the Lansing Correctional Facility's East Unit, then the Kansas Correctional Institution at Lansing, with the M-2 W-2 organization. During that

time, the Richardsons worked mainly with female inmates as mentors. In 1993, they became involved in Prison Fellowship and began working with male inmates in all custody levels at the Central Unit. Their work has been concentrated on Bible Study and group meetings ever since. Currently they make the long walk in to the Maximum Unit inside the walls of the prison and up four flights of stairs to the Max Chapel every week to give Bible studies to 117 inmates.



## KANSAS— AS BIG AS YOU THINK

Dee Gehring and her husband Greg's farm in Atchison County was recently used as the picturesque backdrop for the Kansas tourism campaign.



## VOLUNTEERS TAKE TIME TO CARE

This year we honored our volunteers with a fun family picnic at the range on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. Our theme was "LCF Volunteers Take Time to Care." A contest was held with the inmate population to write "Thank You" poems to the volunteers. Winners were chosen and poems were set in a quaint homemade book made by the inmate Fine Arts group. These books were given out to all the volunteers to show the inmates' appreciation of all the time that is given. Contest and games were available and "yes" people did participate! We had a three-legged race (hope your bruise is better, Colette). There was a water relay race, where teams took spoonfuls of water and transferred them from one container to another. Andrea Brewer helped the volunteers with a "Smiley Face" ball toss, where little balls were thrown into boxes worth different points. Christina Wagner introduced Speed Cups to the volunteers (Byron Alexander gave a small demonstration). An inmate painted an old sheet to look like a fish pond and it turned out great. Sharon Brooks helped the volunteers and children "fish" for small goodies at the "fish pond."

## Deputy Warden, Support Services COLETTE WINKELBAUER



*Welcome to:*  
*Nigel Haynes,*  
*Chaplain*  
*Aaron Munlin,*  
*Mailroom*

**The months have flown by** since I took over as DWSS. Lots of changes have taken place. My office is no longer located in the basement of the support services building. I have relocated to the third floor of the DWO complex in the office that was once occupied by CSI Zamora. Thanks to Lt. Zink and CSI Zamora for doubling up so that I could move. It is different being here, it seems that I'll get even more exercise moving about the facility to see my areas of responsibility than I was before. Chaplain Vickie Scrivner resigned her position in early April and so Chaplain Almond has been carrying the load. Nigel Baynes is the new chaplain and he will begin training May 16<sup>th</sup>. The chaplaincy is looking forward to being fully staffed. Thanks Don, Sharon and Renda for keeping the ship afloat! Philip Schwendinger, the Admin Assistant in the mailroom left in late April and he was replaced by Aaron Munlin. Aaron will be a familiar face as he was working in the mailroom on a temporary basis previously. Welcome back, Aaron. Thanks to the Aramark staff for preparing and providing the food for the employee picnic. The menu was a hit. I hope you had a chance to stop by. The spring/summer menus and new kosher menus for the inmates are in place. The kosher menu underwent a major overhaul so there will be an adjustment time for the inmates. Facilities Maintenance staff continue to be busy with all the projects going on in the facility. The kitchen renovation continues on schedule and the space is taking shape. The parking lot is finally finished! Hooray! The tons of other work going on around here are

in various stages of completion. Thanks for your hard work, For those of you who do not work in the living units, the inmate linen has changed from white to blue, thanks to Mary Sess and the inmates assigned to the laundry. This will be an ongoing process but the initial phase is done. Thanks Mary! Mark York, our librarian, took an extended vacation so thanks to the Activities Specialists, Renda and Don for keeping the library running during his absence. Last but not least, thanks to Renda for her work with the volunteers. The volunteer appreciation picnic was held April 30<sup>th</sup> and she and her committee did an outstanding job. I've been to three volunteer training sessions and, maybe in a hundred years, I'll be able to rattle off their names with the same ease that Renda can.

## Deputy Warden, Operations REX PRYOR

**This quarter has seen many promotions** take place across the

facility in all departments. Congratulations again to all those that have been promoted and are proceeding up the career ladder; it seems as if it was only yesterday that I began with the Kansas Department of Corrections (1980, if you are wondering). The department has advanced enormously since my initial hire and I expect that we will continue to develop and improve processes and policies within the department. Corrections is an exciting and adventurous career to pursue, and can be quite rewarding.

The maximum unit kitchen renovation is proceeding on schedule and with no problems of note to date. Terry Denny is doing an excellent job in coordinating and targeting areas that need decisions or minor adjustments to complete the project. Thanks again, Terry.

We are currently researching and reviewing

the processes on how packages are received and searched. A team has been formulated that will review our current practice and they will also make recommendations on how to improve the process. If you have any ideas please let us know.

We recently completed the Security Audit for LCF. There were no major items found non-compliant, however, the audit has revealed some items that need re-addressed that are basic to good security. Many times we get in a hurry and do not complete the basic steps as we should. This creates gaps in our security posture which can lead to more severe issues.

As you complete your daily assignments please stop and review what you are doing and ask yourself if you have completed all steps to ensure that you have completed the task thoroughly.

Another vacation season is upon us, enjoy your time with family and friends and have a safe summer!



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## Deputy Warden, Programs KYLE DEERE

Name: Jasen Sutley  
Current Job Assignment: Tower 6 Control  
Background/ Education: Graduated from Atchison High School in 1988  
How long have you worked at LCF?

I have worked at LCF for eight and a half years. I came to work here because I wanted a change from the job I had.

What would surprise people about you?

I like working in my garden and playing with my kids.

Best advice you have received?

Always remember where you come from you might end up there again.



Jasen Sutley  
Andrea Brewer



Name: Andrea Brewer

Current Job Assignment: Senior Administrative Specialist, DWP Office  
Background/ Education: Associates degree in Business

How long have you worked at LCF?

Total of 13 years. 10 being with the State and worked in the Medium Clinic for 3 years before that.

What would surprise people about you?

I'm pretty quiet.

Best advice you have received?

Believe in yourself no matter what anyone else says.



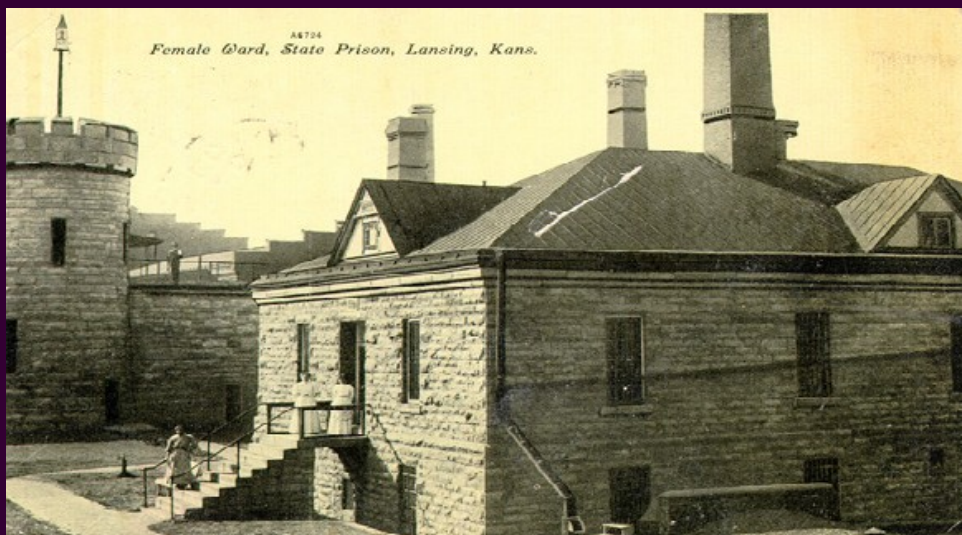
The people who work at LCF are what makes us

**GREAT!**

In every issue of Wall to Wall we are going to spotlight one of your coworkers. Take time to get to know everyone else that works at Lansing Correctional Facility.

## Wall to Wall QUIZ:

This picture is of the Female Ward of the State Prison in Lansing, Kansas taken circa 1910. Do you recognize the building or area?? Call Jim Collins 7351 with your best guess. Look for the "then and now" pictures in the next issue of Wall to Wall!



**MAX KITCHEN RENOVATIONS IN PROGRESS****Employees of the 1st Quarter 2005****Corrections Officer I,  
Donald Tinsley**

Don Tinsley has been employed by the Lansing Correctional Facility for a total of over 10 years and is currently receiving excellent attendance and exceptional evaluations. His supervisors note that in his assignment to the 0530 to 1530 Shakedown Team, he is extremely knowledgeable of the facility policies and procedures. He works closely with his peers as well as staff on shift and throughout the facility. Don is known to, "get the job done". He has an excellent personality and is known for his ability to communicate well with both staff and inmates.

**Charles "Chuck" Phillips,  
Physical Plant Supervisor  
Senior**

Chuck Phillips has worked for over 22 years at this facility. Comments made about him by his supervisors over the years range from, "very dependable, very knowledgeable of the construction trades," "a great asset to LCF," "great team player," and the list goes on and on. Chuck is willing to go the extra mile to get the task at hand done or even to help others to complete their tasks. The list of projects that Chuck has been responsible for is lengthy – every one of them has been vital to the smooth operation of this facility. Chuck's contributions to LCF have not gone unnoticed.

**Did you know?**

- Lansing Correctional Facility inmates filed a total of 95 grievances in the Month of April and only one of them was found to be valid?
- Chief Records Officer, John R. Cooling has been employed at KSP/LCF since May 9, 1966 – that's 39 years!
- Lansing inmate crews have completed more than 50,000 hours of service work in our local communities since January 2005. If you multiply this number by the Federal Minimum Wage of \$5.15 per hour, that's a savings of more than a \$257,500.00 to our local governmental agencies or not for profit groups.
- LCF's Prison Dog Adoption Program, "Safe Harbor," has found homes for more than 435 dogs since it began in late August 2004!



## SAFE HARBOR

### Life...in the Big House

#### Toby Young

Usually when you talk about "life" in the Maximum Security Unit at the Lansing Correctional Facility, it does not conjure up happy images and make you think of positive things. That all changed on Mother's Day, 2005.

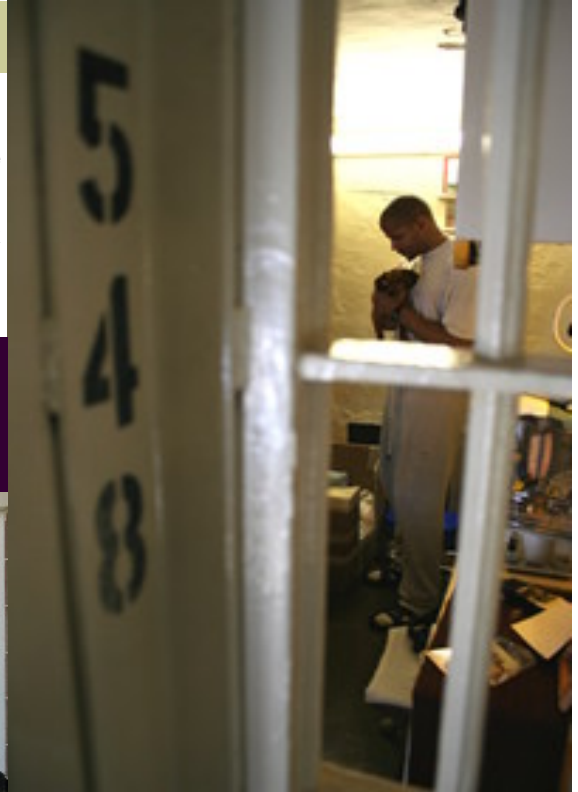
April was a stray dog who had obviously led a tough life in her short 10 months. She came to the Safe Harbor Program as a stray, a stray about to deliver puppies. We had just started putting dogs in B Cell House, inside the Maximum Security Unit. People told me we would never have dogs in Max - it just wasn't feasible, it wasn't logistically possible. But we had a Unit Team Manager who believed the presence of the dogs would improve his unit, and I'm always willing to try anything.

We had just adopted our second dog from B cell-house and had an open slot for a new dog. April needed a place to go - and fast! But, puppies??? Inside a cell? Was it possible? I believed it was, and set out to meet with this very supportive Unit Team Manager. I'm sure I stunned him just a little bit, but he agreed to the challenge and April moved in to Cell 548 in upper B2 Cell House, on Friday, April 29.

April's handler is a very tall man, and April is a very small girl; part dachshund, part Chihuahua. These two made quite a contrast, tiny little pregnant April, cradled in the arms of this large man. It was a perfect match. I left as

much written material as I could find on puppy births and prayed for an easy and uncomplicated delivery. The much awaited and anticipated birth came at 10:30pm on Mother's Day. What could be more appropriate! Six tiny babies; 4 girls and 2 boys, joined April and her proud handler in Cell 548, bringing a whole new meaning to

### LIFE IN THE BIG HOUSE!



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## Pet Expo

Everywhere we went, people were talking about Safe Harbor and congratulating us on our program, our statistics and our wonderful booth design! We sold about \$500 worth of handmade leather leashes and collars and handed out more than 200 brochures and bumper stickers. The woman who ran the booth next to us donated several hundred dollars worth of shampoo, brushes and grooming supplies. Quite a few people stopped by the booth who had adopted dogs from us in the past. Everyone was proud to say they were part of the Prison Dog Program and we loved hearing all the success stories! The highlight of our weekend, though, was the adoption of Bullet. On the other side of our booth, was the Mid-West Search and Rescue Team's booth. These people's passion is training their dogs to perform searches. Pam is a Search Manager, and when she met Bullet on Friday she knew he was a dog who had the capability of doing something special. On Saturday, she was stunned that we hadn't brought him back and so I hastily called and cancelled his trip to the Petsmart adoption that day. We brought him back to the show with us on Sunday and Bullet was adopted by a member of their club; a teenage girl who has been looking for her own dog to train. We are very proud of Bullet! Just before we left, in the middle of packing everything out to the cars, Pam stopped me and said, "Who taught this dog hand signals?" I told her that his handler did, of course - we teach all of our dogs hand signals. They were impressed! And even better, if our schedules can coordinate, Pam is going to come to the prison and give a 2 hour seminar to the handlers on how to do scent work with dogs. We're looking forward to hearing about Bullet's success! Since we knew that we would have few adoptions at the Pet Expo, Officer Janet Florence volunteered to put an adoption team together and took 6 dogs to Petsmart on Saturday. Two dogs were adopted there. It is teamwork like this that will make Safe Harbor continue to grow and be stronger! Thanks Janet and Team!!!

# Lansing Correctional Facility

"A Safer Kansas Through  
Effective Correctional  
Services"

[www.accesskansas.org/  
lcf](http://www.accesskansas.org/lcf)

## First Annual Prison City Bike Run

Join us on June 4, 2005 for  
a 100 mile motorcycle ride  
through Kansas.

After the ride enjoy a BBQ  
Lunch and a Bike Show at  
Lansing Correctional Facility!

Is your motorcycle one of a  
kind? Can your bike place  
1st, 2nd, or 3rd in one of  
the following categories?  
Bring it down and show it  
off!

Foreign  
Stock  
Custom  
Best Paint  
Antique Class  
Peoples Choice Award

Registration is \$15.00\* and  
starts at 9:00 a.m.

Ride starts at 10:00 a.m.  
Pre-Registration is \$10.00\*  
before May 21

\* cash or money orders—no  
personal checks accepted

Mail registration form and  
waiver to:

Lansing Correctional Facility  
c/o Heather Seute  
P.O. Box 2  
Lansing, KS 66043  
Proceeds go to the

March of Dimes and the LCF  
Wellness Committee- For  
more information

contact:

Bill Bayles after

2:45 p.m. 913.727.5133

Skip Bradley after

3:30 p.m. 913.426.4379



IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN  
THEIR LIVES IN THE SERVICE OF THE  
LANSING CORRECTIONAL FACILITY AND  
THE STATE OF KANSAS

COI William Owens 10/06/1905

Records Clerk/Parole Officer

David Burns 12/15/23

COI Henry Kanaga 06/21/54

COI Don Martin 08/19/78

Food Supv. Burch Slote 07/06/80

Lt. Robert Hurd 10/11/81

COI Mark Avery 05/23/93





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